

## Desert Edge Community Council Minutes

4:30 p.m. Tuesday May 12, 2015

69400 Country Club Drive, (Dillon Road/Desert Crest Avenue) Desert Edge, Ca 92241

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sharon Huddleston at 4:32pm
- 2 **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Huddleston
- 3 **Roll Call:** Roll Call was done by Sharon Huddleston. Four members were present, absent was Secretary Mary MacArthur. Four officers were present, there was a quorum to conduct the business of the council.
- 4 **Approval of the minutes:** The draft minutes of the March Council meeting was approved as written. The January 2015 Tri-Council meeting was not approved as not all officers had a copy of those minutes.
- 5 **Staff Reports:**
  - **Office of Supervisor John J. Benoit,** Rita Massie staff assigned. Rita reported to the council that the graffiti reported to the office had been removed. The gate on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. was not locked as had been reported. This is a private road and permission to use should be requested from owner. There is not violation for using this road, it will be open and available for use in an emergency. Sergeant Devinny has been reassigned. She said that Sergeant Devinny is still the COPS liaison for the Sheriff's Department.
  - **Sheriff's Department:** Sergeant Devinny was call to the front and spoke briefly to the audience. He stated he will still be in charge of the COPS program and will have communications within the community. Sergeant Devinny then introduced the new Sheriff's liaison to the Community Sergeant Juan Zamora. Sergeant Zamora had been unable to receive the proper report incident report for Desert Edge and will report on March-August at the September 8, 2015 Council meeting. Cindy Nance asked Sgt Zamora if he knew anything about the dead body/bodies that were found within Desert Edge. Sgt Zamora stated as he recalled the body that was found was that of a hiker that had been missing for over a year.
  - **California Highway Patrol:** Officer Prietto, reported the incidents as they related to Desert Edge. For **2014 Traffic citations on Dillon road 783, total citation west of Palm 1786, 2014-2015, collisions on Dillon Road 13, collisions within Desert Edge including side streets 5, collision Thousand Palms Canyon 2, Collision Dillon and Desert Crest 0, Desert Edge traffic complaints 10, DUI/total arrest Dillon Road 15/18, Stolen vehicles in Desert Edge as of April 30, 2015 2.**
  - **Cal-Fire:** Cal-fire was unavailable for comments.
  - **Code Enforcement:** Code Enforcement was unavailable for comment.
  - **Other Departments:** No other Departments were available for comment.
6. **New Business:** Catalina Spa Solar Shade Project: The contractor for the Catalina Spa (Solar Shade Structures was unavailable for comment. This was an information only item and a vote of the Council was not required.
  - **Desert Pools RV Resort:** 70404 Dillon Road, Desert Hot Springs. Presentation was made by Trish McConnell, CEO Desert Pools Contingent Use Permit. The following stipulations were

requested by the council. (A) Walkway along Dillon Road to be living trail, as per Desert Edge Guidelines. (B) Entrance should meet County ordinance entrance to RV Park should be 60 feet wide. (C) Signage to be changed per Desert Edge Guidelines. Discussion followed before vote was taken. **Vote of Council was four in favor of, Contingent Use Permit, as long as Council stipulations are met.**

**Colorado River Basin Regional Water Control Board:** This item was brought before the Council by Cindy Nance. Rita Said this applied to the southern part of the county where agriculture is predominant and does not apply to Desert Edge.

**7. Unfinished Business:** Cindy Nance letter regarding Sergeant Devinny. Letter to be rewritten by Cindy Nance to be signed and approved at next council meeting.

**8. Public comments:** Ellie Dullea requested that the Guidelines be readdressed. Betty Jane Lehan requested a copy of Guidelines. Mike Gialdini said she could go online and get a copy of Desert Edge Guideline.

**9. Agenda Items for next meeting:**

**a. Council Officer Rotation Per Riverside County Board of Supervisors Policy A-21**

**b. Letter for Sergeant Devinny**

**c. Tri-Council meeting of January 2015 to be approved**

**10. 10 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm**

Sharon Huddleston  
Chairperson  
wshud511@  
aol.com  
760-992-4748  
Term Expiring  
Expires 6/30/17

Susan Lombardi Vice  
Chair  
[susanlombardi123@g  
mail.com](mailto:susanlombardi123@gmail.com)  
760-559-5555  
Term Expiring  
Expires 6/30/16

Bob Ornelas  
Secretary  
bob95501@  
yahoo.com  
760-822-1101  
Term Expiring  
Expires 6/30/17

Cindy Nance  
Member  
cyntheses@  
earthlink.net  
760-251-1955  
Term Expiring  
Expires 6/30/16

Mary MacArthur  
Member  
marymac425@  
yahoo.com  
760-671-5169  
Term Expiring  
Expires 6/30/17